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## December 2016

### MESSAGE FROM SCOTT OCHOA



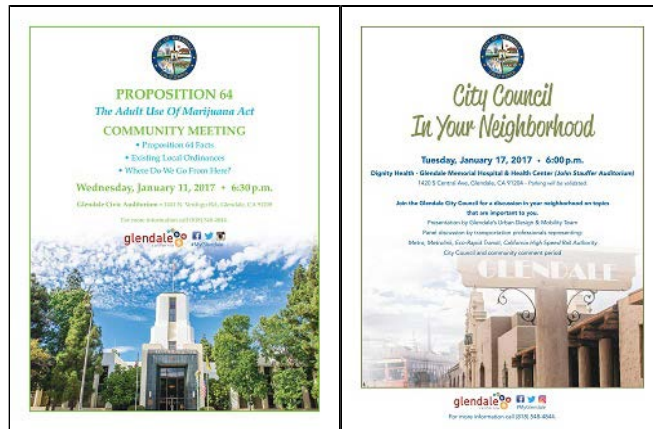
*Glendale City Manager*

The holidays are a wonderful time for loved ones to gather and reflect on the year gone by. They are a time to celebrate the coming year with hope and enthusiasm. And, most importantly, the holidays give us an opportunity to be thankful for what we have before embarking on the New Year.

But, the end of a year is not just a time that we spend eating, drinking, shopping, volunteering and spending time with our friends and families. For almost everyone around the world, it is also a time to evaluate what they have done during the year and what they should change in the upcoming year - The infamous New Year's resolution. Maybe getting back to the gym, saving more money, or spending more time with family and friends.

Besides vowing to do a whole host of things most of us will not follow through on, it is important to note that the New Year brings a new

## Upcoming Community Meetings



**January 11 - Prop 64: The Adult Use of Marijuana Act Community Meeting.** View flyer [here](#).

- Proposition 64 facts
- Existing local ordinances
- Where do we go from here?

**January 17 - Transportation/Mobility Summit "City Council in Your Neighborhood" Meeting.** View flyer [here](#).

- Presentation by Glendale's Urban Design & Mobility Team
- Panel Discussion by transportation professionals representing Metro, Metrolink, Eco-Rapid Transit, and the California Highspeed Rail Authority
- City Council and community comment period

## Glendale On The Move

administration. Regardless of how any of us voted as private citizens, the new administration will certainly impact a broad range of topics that have special emphasis for Glendale. We are always better served to be prepared.

Rest assured that staff has been assigned to monitor policy/legal changes and we will be bringing information and opportunities for public input in the coming months. The Glendale City Council's goal is to have an informed & engaged community, and to that end, we have scheduled two community meetings in January to hear from you.

On January 11, we will be holding a community meeting to discuss Prop 64 - to outline the law today, how Prop 64 impacts that law, the anticipated role of the federal government, possible rule/implementation scenarios by the State, and Glendale's range of options.

Additionally, we will be holding a transit mobility summit on January 17th. This "City Council in Your Neighborhood" meeting will include a panel-style discussion with our transit partners. The discussion will include a presentation of where Glendale has been, where we are today, and how our plans for the future of transit in Glendale will be realized. More information for both of these upcoming meetings are to the right of this message.

It has been a wonderful year for Glendale, and your contributions continue to make this City a fine community for all. I encourage all of our community members to stay involved and join us as we embark on our journey. Again, I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to the exciting opportunities the New Year will bring.

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**Free Music From the Library!**



GTV6's newest episode of *On The Move* is now available! In this episode, we'll take a look at we'll learn about holiday safety tips in the kitchen, check out how you can recycle your Christmas tree, learn about the city's pedestrian plan, and so much more! Be sure to tune in to Charter channel 6 or check the City's [YouTube](#) channel for new episodes.

Watch each segment here:



## Take The Billion Step Challenge!





Use your Library Card to stream or download 11 million songs, including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists. In total the collection is comprised of music from over 28,000 labels with music that originates in over 100 countries. There is no software to download, and there are no digital rights management restrictions. Access to Freegal is limited to 3 downloads per week and 3 hours of streaming per day - per person/cardholder. Learn more [here](#).

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### CALENDAR

**December 5 - Montrose Library Adult Book Club, 6:15 pm**  
*Montrose Library*  
2465 Honolulu Avenue  
This month the Club will read and discuss The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez. Learn more [here](#).

**December 6 - Teens: Wreath Making Extravaganza, 4:00 pm**  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
1151 North Brand Boulevard  
Supplies provided. Earn community service hours too! Learn more [here](#).

**December 6 - Conservatorship & Estate Planning, 6:00 pm**  
*Library Connection @ Adams Square*  
1100 East Chevy Chase Drive  
The Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center presents a special presentation with attorney Path Huth. Learn more [here](#).

**December 6 - Cooking Demonstrations 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
*Pirch*  
101 South Brand Boulevard  
Chef and restaurateur Christine Moore (Little Flower Library, C'est La Vie) will discuss her book, Little Flower Baking. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. THERE ARE NO SEATS LEFT FOR THIS EVENT - SOLD OUT! Learn more [here](#).

**December 7 - Personal Prose & Poetry: A Writing Class for Adults, 3:30 pm**

The City of Glendale invites you to participate in the Billion Step Challenge. Designed to encourage people to walk more and have a healthier lifestyle, the Billion Step Challenge is part of the Be Street Smart Glendale campaign which aims to not only improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the City but raise awareness about safe behaviors for all road users. Learn more [here](#).

### Will the Holidays Affect Your Collection Schedule?

With Christmas and New Year's approaching fast, the Integrated Waste Management Division would like to remind you that your recycling/trash, recycling and yard trimmings containers will be serviced on the regularly scheduled collection days for the following holidays:

- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

Collection service will NOT be affected. Residents should place their containers out on their normally scheduled collection day. For the complete holiday collection schedule, click [here](#).



Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for other updates regarding our services.

### Recycle Your Tree With Us!

Instead of throwing away your tree after the holiday season, recycle with us instead! The Integrated Waste Management Division has a free program to recycle Christmas trees starting January 2, 2017 through to January 20, 2017. Due to a high volume of trees, it may take up to a week for your tree to be collected, so please be patient! If you want to recycle your tree, be sure to...

- 1) Remove all of your ornaments and decorations from your tree
- 2) Remove the stand
- 3) Place your tree at the curb on your regular collection day.



For more information on how to recycle your tree with us, [visit this page](#).

### Sign Up for GWP's New Business Connect Portal and Have Instant Access!

*Chevy Chase Library*  
3301 East Chevy Chase Drive  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 8 - Healthcare Job Fair, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
*Verdugo Jobs Center*  
1255 S. Central Avenue  
Looking for a job in Glendale or surrounding areas in the medical field? Come to the job fair! Learn more [here](#).

**December 8 - Adult Crafts & Coloring, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
1151 North Brand Boulevard  
Get Crafty: Learn to make paper holly wreaths. Learn more [here](#).

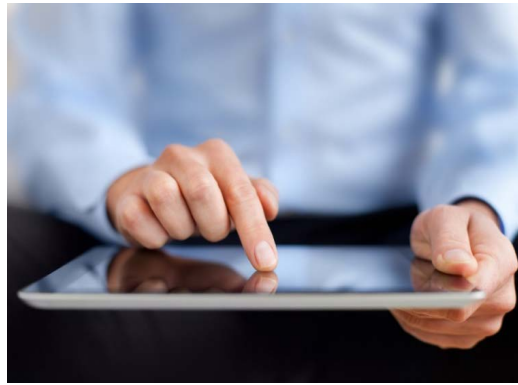
**December 9 - Teen Night Out, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm**  
*Pacific Community Center*  
501 S Pacific Ave  
Teens 14+ can come to hang out and participate in activities. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Learn more [here](#).

**December 9 - Meet Author Katherine Applegate, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
*Adult Recreation Center*  
222 East Harvard Street  
Meet the author of the Newbery Award-winning novel, *The One and Only Ivan*, the 2016 One Book/One Glendale for Younger Readers author! Learn more [here](#).

**December 10 - Adult Crafts & Coloring, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
1151 North Brand Boulevard  
Get Crafty: Learn to make festive winter décor featuring paper snowflakes, geode ornaments and origami stars. Learn more [here](#).

**December 10 - Make It: Holiday Cards, 10:30 am**  
*Brand Library & Art Center*  
1601 West Mountain Street  
A hands-on crafts program for families with children ages 4 and up. Learn more [here](#).

**December 10 - Jewel City Knitters, 2:00 pm**  
*Chevy Chase Library*  
3301 East Chevy Chase Drive  
Jewel City Knitters makes and



Many business owners and managers are surprised that what they do on a day-to-day basis for their business can actually have a great influence over their energy and water costs. Knowing how much you are using before you receive your bill will help you conserve and save money. GWP's new energy & water portal for business customers, allows businesses to actively reduce energy and water costs by giving them near-real time detailed electric and water usage information.

The portal allows businesses to:

- View electric and water usage
- View and pay bills
- Sign up for incentive and conservation programs
- Submit service requests
- Set up recurring payments
- Set and track budget goals
- Enroll in paperless billing

The portal also enables faster customer service responses, and offers two-way communication 24/7.

[Click here to start using Business Connect](#)

## Gift Wrapping in Maryland Paseo



donates knit and crochet items to local, national and international organizations. Learn more [here](#).

**December 10 - Fiesta de Las Luminarias, 2:00 pm**  
*Casa Adobe de San Rafael*  
 1330 Dorothy Drive  
 Glendale Beautiful invites you to see the historic Casa Adobe de San Rafael surrounded in candlelight and enjoy traditional refreshments and entertainment inside the adobe and throughout the park! Learn more [here](#).

**December 10 - Brand Library Open House with the Kaleidoscope Trio, 6:30 pm**  
*Brand Library & Art Center*  
 1601 West Mountain Street  
 Brand Library will celebrate the holiday season along with the Doctors House Candlelight tour! The Kaleidoscope Trio will perform holiday arrangements at 7:00 pm and 7:45 pm. Learn more [here](#).

**December 13 - Teens: Holiday Gifts, 4:00 pm**  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
 1151 North Brand Boulevard  
 Get ahead on your holiday gift preparations by making unique gifts for your loved ones. Supplies provided. Learn more [here](#).

**December 14 - Personal Prose & Poetry: A Writing Class for Adults, 3:30 pm**  
*Chevy Chase Library*

The City of Glendale has closed a portion of Maryland Avenue to create a pedestrian paseo between Wilson and Broadway. Closed since September, the goal of the Maryland Paseo is to create a new community space in the downtown. As Glendale is a regional shopping destination, non-profit partners will be offering FREE gift wrapping services at the paseo for local shoppers this holiday season.

**December 3 - Glendale Girls Scout Troop 1761, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
 Music featuring musician Jimmy Villaflor

**December 10 - The Salvation Army, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
 Music featuring musician Natalie Clark

**December 17 - The Glendale Youth Alliance, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
 Music featuring musician Jimmy Villaflor

The Economic Development Division is looking for non-profit partners to provide these services on three additional dates: December 21, 22, and 23 generally from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This is a great way for non-profits to fundraise. Participating non-profits must provide the gift wrap and sign a waiver liability release. To apply, please email [chooseglendale@glendaleca.gov](mailto:chooseglendale@glendaleca.gov) or call 818-548-2005.

For more information, go [here](#).

**Remember to Water Less this Winter!**

3301 East Chevy Chase Drive  
Learn more [here](#).

**December 14 - Adult Crafts & Coloring, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
1151 North Brand Boulevard  
Bring a little stress relief to this busy holiday season with a little tea, some music, and a whole lot of coloring. Learn more [here](#).

**December 15 - Make a Gingerbread House, 3:00 pm**  
*Pacific Park Library*  
501 South Pacific Avenue  
Ages 4+. Learn more [here](#).

**December 15 - Adult Crafts & Coloring, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
1151 North Brand Boulevard  
Get Crafty: Learn to make pop-up holiday cards. Learn more [here](#).

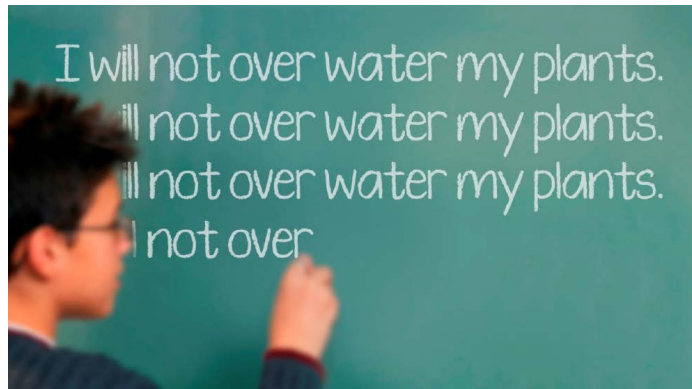
**December 16 - Parent's Night Out, 6:00 pm - 12:00 pm**  
*Pacific Community Center*  
501 S Pacific Ave  
Participants are encouraged to bring their pajamas and a blanket. Learn more [here](#).

**December 18 - Parents' Day Out, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
*Pacific Community Center*  
501 S Pacific Ave  
Need to finish your holiday shopping without the kids? Drop 'em off and go! Learn more [here](#).

**December 18 - Holiday Tea and Japan Culture Day, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
*Brand Park*  
1601 W Mountain Street  
Attend the holiday event with plenty of Japanese arts and entertainment! Interested participants must RSVP to [friends@shoseianteahouse.com](mailto:friends@shoseianteahouse.com)

**December 20 - Teens: Cool Tree Ornaments, 4:00 pm**  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
1151 North Brand Boulevard  
Make your holiday tree more festive with cool book ornaments. Supplies provided. Earn community service hours too! Learn more [here](#).

**December 21 - Personal Prose & Poetry: A Writing Class for**

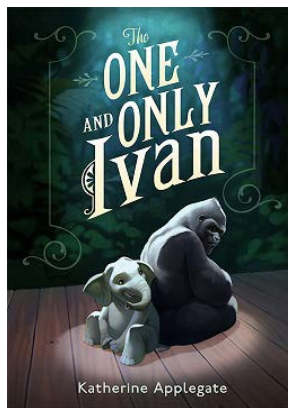


Short winter days are here! During winter months your landscape does not need to be watered as often due to less sunlight and cooler weather. Even though we are still in mandatory conservation and watering is only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, in colder months you can skip a watering day. Below are some other water conservation tips for the winter:

- Water before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm
- Check your irrigation controllers often due to daylight savings time, resetting by gardeners, or if there is an outage.
- Set your irrigation controllers before leaving town for the holidays.
- Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- Capture your tap water while waiting for it to warm up and use it to water your plants.

For more water conservation information and tips visit [www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com](http://www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com)

## Meet a Newbery Award-Winning Author!



Meet Katherine Applegate, author of the Newbery Award-winning novel, *The One and Only Ivan*, our 2016 One Book/One Glendale for Younger Readers author! As part of the One Book program and to honor Katherine Applegate for her award winning title *Crenshaw*, please bring a non-perishable food item to the One Book event to share with those in need in our community. All items collected will be sent to the local food banks for distribution.

The *One and Only Ivan* author will be at the Adult Recreation Center (next to Central Library) on December 9th from 7:00 pm to 8:30

pm.

Learn more [here](#). Enjoy a [short video](#) about the One Book One Glendale programs.

## Brand Library and Art Center Wins Time Out Los Angeles' "Love Los Angeles" Award

Glendale's own Brand Library & Art Center was recently honored by Time Out Los Angeles with the 2016 "Love Los Angeles"

Adults, 3:30 pm  
*Chevy Chase Library*  
3301 East Chevy Chase Drive  
Learn more [here](#).

December 23 - Teen Night  
Out, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
*Pacific Community Center*  
501 S Pacific Ave  
Teens 14+ can come to hang  
out and participate in  
activities. Snacks and  
refreshments will be served.  
Learn more [here](#).

December 27 - Family Movie  
Night: The Jungle Book, 6:00  
pm  
*Library Connection @ Adams  
Square*  
1100 West Chevy Chase Drive  
A movie plus popcorn for the  
whole family. Ages 4+. Learn  
more [here](#).

December 28 - Adult Crafts &  
Coloring, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
*Casa Verdugo Library*  
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## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

For more information,  
click [here](#).

December 24 - 26 - City  
offices and libraries closed

December 26 - City offices  
and libraries closed

December 31 - City offices  
and Libraries closed

January 1 - 2 - City offices and  
libraries closed for New Year's  
holiday.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

January 2 - Recycle your  
Christmas tree with us!  
Learn how to [here](#).

January 7 - Palmer Park  
Grand Re-opening, 10:30 am  
*Palmer Park*  
610 East Palmer Ave  
10:30 am - Social  
11:00 am - Program  
Learn more [here](#).

January 11 - Mandatory

Award. Nearly 7,800 readers voted for their  
favorite restaurants, bars, cafes, and local  
culture hotspots in LA. The Brand Library &  
Art Center received the award in recognition  
of its artistic, musical, and cultural  
contributions to the Glendale  
community. Read more [here](#).



## Palmer Park Grand Re-Opening



The Glendale City Council and the Community Services & Parks  
Department (CSP) are happy to announce and invite you to the Grand  
Re-Opening Ceremony of Palmer Park which has been rescheduled to  
Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 10:30 am, with a formal program  
beginning at 11:00 am. After the ceremony enjoy light refreshments,  
a climbing wall, a game of SKATE, and the new amenities - which  
includes a wading pool! We hope to see you and your family there!

For more information regarding the event, go [here](#).

## Register Your Child for Winter Day Camp



Not sure what to do with your child during Winter Break? The  
Community Services & Parks Department is proud to offer the day  
camps below for your child's enjoyment. Registration is still open.

**Winter Kool Dayz Camp**  
*Pacific Community Center*  
Ages: 6-12 years old

Week 1: December 21 - 23, 2016  
Week 2: December 27 - 30, 2016  
Week 3: January 3 - 6, 2017

To register, please call (818) 548-4098 or (818) 548-2184, or visit  
Pacific Community Center.

**Homeless Count Volunteer Orientation**

Learn more [here](#).

**January 20 - Commission on the Status of Women and Soroptimist International of Glendale Present "SOLD", 6:30 pm**

*Brand Library Recital Hall  
1601 W. Mountain St.*

More information to follow [here](#).

**January 24 & 25 -Homeless Count (Volunteer Opportunity)**

Learn more [here](#).

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Check the City's calendar for changes in date, time, or location [here](#).

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**Winter Sparr-tacular Day Camp  
Sparr Heights Community Center  
Ages: 5 -12 years old**

Week 1: December 26 - December 30, 2016 (Ringin in 2017)  
Week 2: January 2- January 6, 2017 (Winter Wonderland)

To register, please call (818) 548-2187 or (818) 548-2184, or visit Sparr Heights Community Center.

## Winter and Holiday Safety

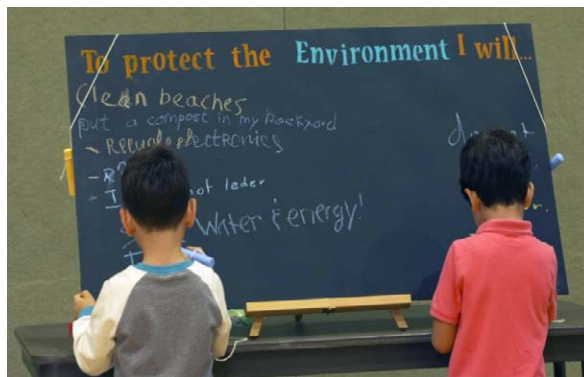


Be fire safe while decking the halls this holiday season.

- Pick a Christmas tree with fresh green needles that do not fall off the tree when touched.
- Place your tree away from heat sources and do not block exits.
- Water your tree daily.
- When decorating your tree, use lights that are rated for indoor use, replace any string of lights that are damaged, turn off the tree lights before going to bed and never decorate a tree with candles.
- Be sure candles are not placed too close to decorations and always blow out candles prior to going to bed.

The Glendale Fire Department would like to wish the residents of Glendale a safe, and happy holiday season! For more information please visit [Glendalefire.org](http://Glendalefire.org) and follow the Glendale Fire Department on twitter at [@GlendaleCAFire](https://twitter.com/GlendaleCAFire).

## ICYMI: America Recycles Day



In honor of America Recycles Day on November 12th, Glendale residents recycled their used electronics at Pacific Park and participated in fun and games followed by the Disney movie "WALL-E". Then on November 15th, second and third graders from Verdugo Woodlands, Glenoaks Elementary, Mountain Avenue Elementary, and



La Crescenta Elementary schools attended an Open House at Glendale's Integrated Waste Management Facility. The kids participated in a number of educational activities, games, and crafts while touring the City's Recycling Center. Read more [here](#).

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